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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121) mailed on November 30, 2004, concerning Applicant's Amendment filed on November 15, 2004, in response to the Office Action mailed on July 15, 2004. Applicant has set forth the complete text for all pending claims, including withdrawn claims 24-32 and 41-47. Otherwise, this Amendment contains all of the content of the Amendment filed on November 15, 2004.

Applicants have enclosed herewith a Request for a one (1) month extension of time to reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely submitted.

Claim amendments begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 23.